

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 1 as follows:

-- Second, since a commit occurs whenever a branch is taken at the beginning of execution of the next sequence of instructions following the branch, there are no uncommitted branch operations. Thus, if an exception occurs which necessitates a rollback operation after a branch is taken, the amount of work the processor has done which is discarded is limited. For example, the number of stores which must be discarded are limited in ~~number~~ number. Thus ~~erthe~~ the delay attendant on a rollback is significantly reduced. -